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TAGS: ELAB, ICFTU, IN, PINT

SUBJECT: NARAYANAN'S SUPPORT FOR GANDHI AND EMERGENCY

REF: NEW DELHI 3146

1. DURING A MARCH 3 DISCUSSION WITH ICFTU ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY VANDERWEKEN THE MISSION LABOR ATTACHE REFERRED TO THE REMARKS BY ICFTU PRESIDENT NARAYANAN REPORTED REFTEL. VANDERWEKEN SAID THAT NARAYANAN'S SPEECH WAS REPORTED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF INTUC, A COPY OF WHICH HAD JUST ARRIVED AT ICFTU HEADQUARTERS.

2. VANDERWEKEN SAID THAT WHILE NARAYANAN'S REMARKS DID NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL ICFTU ENDORSEMENT OF THE EMERGENCY OR OF MRS. GANDHI, THEY DID REFLECT A WIDESPREAD FEELING OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORT FOR THEM AMONG ICFTU ASIAN AFFILIATES. THE ICFTU

HE ADDED, HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED ADOPTING A POLICY ON INDIA, PRECISELY BECAUSE THE ASIANS FOR THE MOST PART SHARE NARAYANAN'S VIEWS.

3. VANDERWEKEN CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO A SPEECH BY THE WIDELY RESPECTED SINGAPORE TUC LEADER DEVAN NAIR AT THE ICFTU CONGRESS IN MEXICO CITY LAST OCTOBER IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF DEVELOPMENT AND CRITICIZED THE WEST FOR GIVING EASY LABELS TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRY EFFORTS TO COPE WITH THOSE CONSEQUENCES IN WAYS BEST SUITED TO THE REALITIES OF THEIR OWN ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS. DEVAN NEIR DEFENDED THE GHANDI GOVERNMENT AND IMPORED THE "WEST" NOT TO EXPECT THE LDC'S "TO TELESCOPE INTO 20 YEARS WHAT IT TOOK THE WEST 200 YEARS TO ACHIEVE."

4. ACCORDING TO VANDERWEKEN, THE ICFTU IS BOUND IN PRINCIPLE TO RESPECT THE VIEWS AND POLICIES OF ITS REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THOSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL. IN THE CASE OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD, HOWEVER, VANDERWEKEN SAID THAT COMMON SENSE DICTATES THAT THIS PRINCIPLE CANNOT BE TOO STRICTLY APPLIED.HINTON

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